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107.01 Laws to Be Observed

The Contractor shall keep fully informed of all Federal and State laws, all local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations and all orders and decrees of bodies or tribunals having any jurisdiction or authority, which in any manner affect those engaged or employed on The Work, or which in any way affect the conduct of The Work. The Contractor shall at all times observe and comply with all such laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, orders and decrees; and shall protect and indemnify the Department and its representatives against any claim or liability arising from or based on the violation of any such law, ordinance, code, regulation, order, or decree, whether by himself, his employees, subcontractors, or agents.

107.02 Permits and Licenses

The Contractor shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges, taxes, and fees, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the due and lawful prosecution of The Work.

107.03 Patented Devices

If the Contractor employs any design, device, material, or process covered by letters of patent or copyright, he shall provide for such use by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner. The Contractor and the Surety shall indemnify and save harmless the Department from any and all claims for infringement by reason of the use of any such patented design, device, material, or process, or any trademark or copyright, and shall indemnify the Department for any costs, expenses, and damages which it may be obliged to pay by reason of any infringement, at any time during the prosecution or after the completion of The Work.

107.04 Restoration of Surfaces Opened By Permit

The right to construct or reconstruct any utility service in the highway or street and to grant permits for the same at any time, is expressly reserved by the Department for the proper authorities of the municipality or county in which The Work is done and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any damages either for the digging up of the street or highway, or for any delay occasioned thereby.

Any individual, firm, or corporation wishing to make an opening in the street or highway must secure a permit from the Department. The Contractor shall allow parties bearing such permits, and only those parties, to make openings in the street or highway. When ordered by the Engineer, the Contractor shall make in an acceptable manner all necessary repairs due to such openings and such necessary work will be paid for as Extra Work, or as provided in the Specifications, and will be subject to the same conditions as original work performed.

107.05 Federal-Aid Provisions

When the United States Government pays all or any part of the cost of a project, the Federal laws and the rules and regulations made pursuant to such laws must be observed by the Contractor, and The Work shall be subject to the inspection of the appropriate Federal agency. Such inspection shall in no sense make the Federal Government a party to this Contract and will in no way interfere with the rights of either party hereunder.

107.06 Sanitary Provisions

The Contractor shall provide and maintain in a neat, sanitary condition such accommodations for the use of his employees as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the State Department of Health and other authorities having jurisdiction, and shall permit no public nuisance.

107.07 Public Convenience and Safety

The Contractor shall at all times so conduct The Work as to assure the least possible obstruction of traffic. The safety and convenience of the general public and the residents along the highway and the protection of persons and property shall be provided for by the Contractor as specified under [Subsection 104.05](#), [Subsection 107.09](#), [Section 150](#), the Project Plans, and Special Provisions.

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Traffic whose origin and destination is within the limits of the Project shall be provided ingress and egress at all times unless otherwise specified in the Plans or Special Provisions. The ingress and egress includes entrance and exit via driveways at the various properties, and access to the intersecting roads and streets. The Contractor shall maintain sufficient personnel and equipment on the project at all times, particularly during inclement weather, to ensure that ingress and egress are provided when and where needed.

Two-way traffic shall be maintained at all times unless otherwise specified or approved. The Contractor shall not stop traffic without permission granted by the Engineer.

All equipment used on The Work shall come equipped with factory-installed mufflers, or manufacturer's recommended equivalent, in good condition. These mufflers shall be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

107.08 Railroad-Highway Provisions

All work to be performed by the Contractor on a railroad company's right-of-way or property shall be done in a manner satisfactory to the chief engineer of the railroad company, or his authorized representative, and shall be performed at such times and in such manner as not to unnecessarily interfere with the movement of trains or traffic upon the track of the railroad company. The Contractor shall use all reasonable care and precaution in order to avoid accidents, damage, or unnecessary delay or interference with the railroad company's trains or other property, or property of tenants of railroad company.

The Contractor shall notify the railroad company and obtain its approval before commencing work on the railroad company's right-of-way or property.

The Contractor shall determine what measures are required by the railroad company to protect its operations and right-of-way or property during construction. Such protection may include the use of a flagger or flaggers provided by the railroad company. The Contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the required protection is provided and shall pay the railroad company directly for any and all such services which may be required to accomplish the construction unless otherwise specified.

Any temporary grade crossings or other means needed during construction by the Contractor for transporting materials of any nature and/or equipment across the railroad tracks will be the responsibility of the Contractor to handle directly with the railroad company and bear all costs incidental to such crossings including flagging services provided by the railroad company.

Special Provisions for the protection of the interests of the railroad company may be included in the proposal to stipulate insurance and other requirements.

107.09 Barricades and Danger, Warning, and Detour Signs

The Contractor shall furnish, install, and maintain all necessary and required barricades, signs, and other traffic control devices in accordance with these Specifications, Project Plans, Special Provisions, and the MUTCD, and take all necessary precautions for the protection of the work and safety of the public.

Unless otherwise specified, all traffic control devices furnished by the Contractor shall remain the property of the Contractor.

107.10 Forest Protection

In carrying out work within or adjacent to State or National Forests, or any other forests, parks, or other public or private lands, the Contractor shall obtain necessary permits and comply with all of the regulations of the appropriate authorities having jurisdiction over such forest, park, or lands. The Contractor shall keep the areas in an orderly condition, dispose of all refuse, obtain permits for the construction and maintenance of all construction camps, stores, warehouses, residences, latrines, cesspools, septic tanks, and other structures in accordance with the requirements of the appropriate authority.

The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress forest fires and shall require his employees and subcontractors, both independently and at the request of forest officials, to do all reasonably within their power to prevent

and suppress and to assist in preventing and suppressing forest fires; to notify a forest official at the earliest possible moment of the location and extent of any fire seen by them; and to extinguish or aid in extinguishing nearby fires.

107.11 Bridges Over Navigable Waters

A. Navigation to Be Protected

Since navigable waterways are under the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard, all work done in such waters shall comply with their requirements. Free navigation shall not be impeded, and navigable depths shall be maintained.

B. Obstructions to be Removed

When the construction has progressed enough to permit removal, all falsework, piling and other obstructions shall be removed to the satisfaction of the Commander of the Coast Guard District having jurisdiction. In all cases such clearing must be done thoroughly before The Work will be accepted by the Department.

107.12 Use of Explosives

When the use of explosives is necessary for the prosecution of The Work, the Contractor shall exercise the utmost care not to endanger life or property, and shall obey all State, Federal and other Governmental regulations applying to transportation, storage, use, and control of such explosives. The Contractor shall be completely responsible for any and all damage resulting from the transportation, storage, use, and control of explosives in the prosecution of The Work by the Contractor, the Contractor's agents, or employees; and shall hold the Department harmless from all claims of damages resulting in any manner therefrom.

The Contractor shall notify each public utility owner having structures or other installations, above or below ground, near the site of The Work of his intention to use explosives. Such notice shall be given sufficiently in advance to enable the utility owners to take such steps as they may deem necessary to protect their property from injury. Such notice shall not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for all damages resulting from his blasting operations.

All explosives shall be stored securely in compliance with all laws and ordinances, and all such storage places shall be clearly marked DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES. Explosives and detonators shall be stored in separate storage facilities in separate areas. Where no laws or ordinances apply, locked storage shall be provided satisfactory to the Engineer, never closer than 1,000 ft (300 m) from any travel-road, building, or camping area.

In all cases where the transport, storage, or use of explosives is undertaken, such activities shall be controlled and directed by fully qualified representatives of the Contractor.

Whenever electric detonators are used, all radio transmitters shall be turned off within a radius of 500 ft (150 m). No blasting supplies shall be transported in vehicles with two-way radio unless the transmitter is turned off, or extra shielding precautions are taken. Appropriate signs shall be placed so as to give ample warning to anyone driving a vehicle equipped with two-way radio. Electrical detonators will not be used within 500 ft (150 m) of a railroad.

107.13 Protection and Restoration of Property and Landscape

A. General Provisions

The Contractor shall be responsible for the preservation of all public and private property, crops, fish ponds, trees, monuments, highway signs and markers, fences, grassed and sodded areas, etc. along and adjacent to the highway, and shall use every precaution necessary to prevent damage or injury thereto, unless the removal, alteration, or destruction of such property is provided for under the Contract. The Contractor shall use suitable precaution to prevent damage to all underground structures, whether shown on the Plans or not, and shall protect carefully from disturbance or damage, all land monuments and property marks until the Engineer has witnessed or otherwise referenced their location and shall not move them until directed. The Contractor shall not willfully or maliciously injure or destroy trees or shrubs, and he shall not remove or cut them without proper authority.

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The Contractor shall be responsible for all sheet piling, shoring, underpinning, etc., as may be required for the protection of abutting property, nearby buildings, streets, and the like.

The Contractor shall be responsible for all damage or injury to property of any character, during the prosecution of The Work, resulting from any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in his manner or method of executing The Work, or at any time due to defective work or materials, and said responsibility will not be released until the Project shall have been completed and accepted.

When the Contractor's excavating operations encounter remains of prehistoric people's dwelling sites or artifacts of historical or archeological significance, the operations shall be temporarily discontinued. The Engineer will contact archeological authorities and the Office of Environment and Location to determine the disposition thereof. When directed by the Engineer, the Contractor shall excavate the site in such a manner as to preserve the artifacts encountered and shall remove them for delivery to the custody of the proper authorities. Such excavation will be considered and paid for as Extra Work.

When the Contractor's normal operations are delayed by such stoppage or extra work, an appropriate time extension will be granted.

The Contractor shall plan, coordinate, and prosecute the work so that disruption to personal property and business is held to a practical minimum.

No resident or business shall be denied vehicular access to their property for any length of time other than as determined by the Engineer is absolutely necessary. Where two or more existing driveways are present for a business, only one existing driveway shall be closed at any time. All construction areas abutting lawns and yards of residential or commercial property shall be restored promptly. Backfilling of each drainage structure or section of curb and gutter, sidewalk, or driveway shall be accomplished as soon as adequate strength is obtained. Finishing, dressing, and grassing shall be accomplished immediately thereafter as a continuous operation within each area being constructed with emphasis placed on completing each individual yard or business frontage. Care shall be taken to provide positive drainage to avoid ponding or concentration of runoff.

Handwork, including raking and smoothing, shall be required to ensure that roots, sticks, rocks, and other debris are removed in order to provide a neat and pleasing appearance. Grassing, when in season, shall immediately follow in order to establish permanent cover at the earliest date. If grassing is not in season, proper erosion control shall be installed and maintained.

The work described above shall be in addition to that required by [Subsection 104.07, "Final Cleaning Up"](#) and [Subsection 105.16, "Final Inspection and Acceptance"](#).

B. Erosion and Siltation Control

The Contractor shall take all necessary measures throughout the life of the Project to control erosion and silting of rivers, streams, and impoundments (lakes, reservoirs, etc.). Construction of drainage facilities as well as performance of other Contract work which will contribute to the control of erosion and siltation shall be carried out in conjunction with clearing and grubbing, and earthwork operations as stipulated in [Section 161](#).

C. Pollution

The Contractor shall exercise every reasonable precaution throughout the life of the Contract to prevent pollution of rivers, streams or impoundments. Pollutants such as chemicals, fuels, lubricants, bitumens, raw sewage and other harmful waste shall not be discharged into or alongside rivers, streams, and impoundments, or into natural or manmade channels leading thereto. The Contractor shall also comply with the applicable regulations of other State and Federal departments and to all governmental statutes relating to the prevention and abatement of pollution.

D. Insect Control Regulations

The Plant Pest Control Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Georgia State Department of Agriculture restrict the movement of certain items from areas infested with Japanese Beetles or Imported Fire Ants so as to prevent the spread of these pests to non-infested areas. Where insect infested areas are shown on the Plans, Contractors will control their operations in such a manner as to comply fully with the requirements of [Section 155](#).

E. Reclamation of Material Pits and Waste Disposal Areas

Whenever or wherever the Contractor obtains material from a source or wastes material on an area other than within the Right-of-Way, regardless of the fashion, manner or circumstances for which the source or area is obtained, it shall be reclaimed in accordance with the requirements of [Section 160](#).

F. Mailboxes

The property owner shall have the responsibility for removing and relocating the mailbox to an area outside construction limits.

The Engineer will mark a point for the relocation of the box. The stake should be set so that the location of the box will be convenient to both the mail carrier and the patron, yet not interfering with the proposed work. It may be necessary for the Engineer to confer with the Post Office serving the area.

The Contractor shall notify each affected owner, in writing, that their mailbox is in conflict with the proposed construction, that they have ten days to relocate the box and that, after the expiration of the 10 days notice, if the owner has not relocated the box, it shall be removed by the Contractor and laid upon the owner's property, clear of the Right-of-Way.

Any cost to the Contractor for removing the mailboxes as stated above shall be included in the price bid for other items.

G. Failure to Comply

Failure of the Contractor to comply with any of the above provisions or to install erosion prevention items included in the Contract at the time specified, will be evidence of omission and neglect, and the Contractor will be liable for damages as outlined in [Subsection 107.13.H](#) below. Furthermore, the Engineer shall withhold payment on all Contract Items until such time as the Contractor complies in full with all of the aforesaid provisions.

H. Payment for Damages

When or where any direct or indirect damage or injury is done to public or private property by or on account of any act, omission, neglect, or misconduct in the execution of the Work, or in consequence of the nonexecution thereof by the Contractor, the Contractor shall restore, at his own expense, such property to a condition similar or equal to that existing before such damage or injury was done, by repairing, rebuilding or otherwise restoring as may be directed, or shall make good such damage or injury in an acceptable manner.

I. Compensation

All costs pertaining to any requirement contained herein shall be included in the overall Bid submitted unless such requirement is designated as a separate Pay Item in the Proposal.

107.14 Load Restrictions

It is hereby agreed between the Department and the Contractor that in the performance of The Work under the Contract, the following load restrictions and stipulations shall be in full force and effect during the life of the Contract:

A. Parties Affected

The load restrictions and stipulations contained herein shall be applicable to the equipment of the Contractor; each agent or subcontractor employed by the Contractor; and each person or persons, firm, partnership, corporation or any combination thereof, hauling materials, supplies or equipment to or on the Project, by or for the Contractor.

B. Within Project Limits

No hauling equipment which is loaded beyond those limits provided by State Law shall be permitted on any portion of the new or existing pavement structure except that such loads will be permitted on nonstabilized bases and subbases prior to placing roadway paving subject to the provisions of [Subsection 107.17](#).

Axle loads and gross weight limits will be evaluated in accordance with current Georgia Law.

All damage caused by any equipment to any permanent installation or portion of The Work shall be promptly repaired by the Contractor at his expense. When it becomes necessary to cross existing pavement with excessive loads, the Contractor shall provide and remove, at his own expense, proper cushioning by means of earth blanket or otherwise as directed.

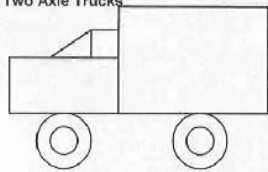
C. Outside Project Limits

All equipment users included in [Subsection 107.14.A](#), above, operating equipment on roads outside the Project limits shall be governed by the following regulations:

1. No vehicle shall carry any load in excess of that specified by Georgia Law.
2. On County System roads the maximum total gross weight shall not exceed 56,000 lbs (25,400 kg) unless a vehicle is making a pickup or delivery on such roads.
3. For a specific individual trip the above weight limitations may be exceeded provided a special permit is obtained from the Department for each such movement. A special permit will not relieve the Contractor of liability for damage that may result from such a movement.
4. Authorized personnel of the Office of Permits and Enforcement of the Department shall be permitted to weigh each truck hauling material to the Project whenever the Department so desires. The owner of each truck shall instruct his operators to cooperate with and assist the truck weighers in every way possible.
5. A Certified Public Weigher operating under the provisions of Standard Operating Procedure 15 shall not dispatch any vehicle loaded with material to be incorporated into the Project when the gross vehicle weight exceeds the limit established by law.
6. Ready Mix Concrete trucks shall comply with load restrictions as specified in Laboratory Standard Operating Procedure 10, "Quality Assurance for Ready-Mixed Concrete Plants in Georgia."
7. The guidelines illustrated in Figure 1 for gross weights on vehicles will be utilized to limit the maximum weights accepted on this project by the Engineer for materials hauled on public roads, unless the Contractor can satisfactorily demonstrate that a particular vehicle falls within the lawful axle limits. This will not apply where the law is more restrictive on the maximum weight limits, in which case the lesser gross weights will be the limit accepted. The bidder should be aware that this Provision does not grant permission for hauling with weights in excess of that allowed by the law on any of our road systems, excluding the Interstate Highway System. For hauling on the Interstate Highway System the Federal weight laws will apply, including the Federal Bridge Formula.

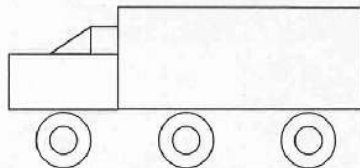
Figure 1
Guidelines for Gross Weights on Vehicles
Based on 20,340 Pounds (9226 kilograms) Legal Weight On Any Axle

Two Axle Trucks



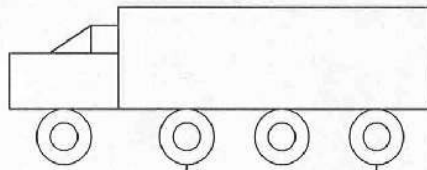
Note: Maximum acceptable Gross Weight = 40,680 lbs
(18 452 kg)

Tandem Axle Trucks (3 or more axles)



Note: Maximum acceptable gross weight is 61,020 lbs. (24 947 kg). No lift axle may be used in computing the maximum total gross weight.

Four Axle Trucks



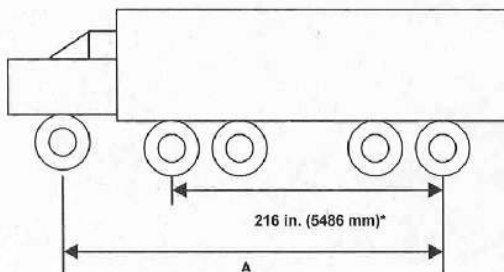
Must Exceed
216 in. (5486 mm)*

Legal Gross Weight = 70, 000 lbs. (31 751 kg)

Note: 70, 000 lbs. (31 751 kg) is estimated by Law as the maximum legal gross weight for 4-axle trucks.

*Note: If this is less than 216 in. (5486 mm), the truck will be considered a tandem axle truck.

Five or More Axles



* Note: The centers of any axles within a 216 in. (5486 mm) distance (except the steering axle) will be considered a tandem axle.

Distance A—Ft. (m)	Maximum Gross Weights—Lbs. (kg)	
	5—Axles	6—Axles
33 (10.1)	73,280 (33 239)	74,000 (33 566)
34 (10.4)	73,280 (33 239)	74,500 (33 793)
35 (10.7)	73,280 (33 239)	75,000 (34 019)
36 (11.0)	73,280 (33 239)	75,500 (34 246)
37 (11.3)	73,280 (33 239)	76,000 (34 473)
38 (11.6)	73,280 (33 239)	77,000 (34 926)
39 (11.9)	73,280 (33 239)	77,500 (35 153)
40 (12.2)	73,280 (33 239)	78,000 (35 380)
41 (12.5)	73,500 (33 339)	78,500 (35 607)
42 (12.8)	74,000 (33 566)	79,000 (35 834)
43 (13.1)	75,000 (34 019)	80,000 (36 287)
44 (13.4)	75,500 (34 246)	80,000 (36 287)
45 (13.7)	76,000 (34 473)	80,000 (36 287)
46 (14.0)	76,500 (34 700)	80,000 (36 287)
47 (14.3)	77,500 (35 153)	80,000 (36 287)
48 (14.6)	78,000 (35 380)	80,000 (36 287)
49 (14.9)	78,500 (35 607)	80,000 (36 287)
50 (15.2)	79,000 (35 834)	80,000 (36 287)
51 (15.5)	80,000 (36 287)	80,000 (36 287)

D. Responsibilities

It will be the responsibility of the Contractor to advise his personnel, and all equipment users included in [Subsection 107.14.A](#), as to the load restrictions and stipulations contained herein.

E. Excess Loads and Violations

Any load that exceeds the legal limits specified herein may be accepted at the Engineer's discretion for use in The Work; however, weight exceeding the legal limits will be deducted from the total weight and the Contractor will not receive payment for the deducted portion of materials. (For items not measured for payment by weight, the excess weight will

be correlated to the appropriate pay quantity and this amount will be deducted from the payment.) The loads of haulers who refuse to have their vehicles weighed will be rejected.

If multiple violations assignable to a given Certified Public Weigher are occurring, that Certified Public Weigher may be suspended from weighing materials dispatched to Department of Transportation projects.

107.15 Responsibility for Damage Claims

The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Department, its officers and employees, from all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injuries or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property on account of the operations of the said Contractor; or on account of or in consequence of any neglect in safe-guarding The Work; or through use of unacceptable materials in constructing The Work; or because of any act of omission, neglect or misconduct of said Contractor; or because of any claims or amounts recovered from any infringements of patent, trademark, or copyright; or from any claims or amounts arising or recovered under the ☐ Workmen's Compensation Act, ☐ or any other law, ordinance, order, or decree; and so much of the money due the said Contractor under and by virtue of his Contract as may be considered necessary by the Department for such purpose may be withheld for the use of the State; or, in case no money is due, his surety may be held until such suit or suits, action or actions, claim or claims for injuries or damages as aforesaid shall have been settled and suitable evidence to that effect furnished to the Department; except that money due the Contractor will not be withheld when the Contractor produces satisfactory evidence that he is adequately protected by public liability and property damage insurance.

107.16 Opening Sections of Project to Traffic

Whenever any bridge or section of roadway is in acceptable condition for travel, the Engineer may direct that it be opened to traffic, whether or not the opening was originally provided for, and such opening shall not be held to be in any way an acceptance of the bridge or roadway, or any part thereof, or as a waiver of any of the provisions of the Contract. Necessary repairs or renewals made on any section of the roadway or bridge thus opened to traffic under instructions from the Engineer, due to defective material or work, or to any cause other than ordinary wear and tear, pending completion and acceptance of the roadway, bridge, or other work, shall be done by the Contractor, without additional compensation. Also, the Contractor shall not receive additional compensation for completing the Work except as specified in [Subsection 104.03](#).

If the Contractor is dilatory in completing shoulders, drainage structures, or other features of work, the Engineer may so notify him in writing and establish therein a reasonable period of time in which the Work should be completed. If the Contractor is dilatory, or fails to make a reasonable effort toward completion in this period of time, the Engineer may then order all or a portion of the Project opened to traffic. On such sections which are so ordered to be opened, the Contractor shall conduct the remainder of his construction operations so as to cause the least obstruction to traffic and shall not receive any added compensation due to the added cost of the Work by reason of opening such section to traffic.

On any section opened to traffic under any of the above conditions, whether stated in the Special Provisions or opened by necessity of Contractor's operations, or unforeseen necessity, any damage to the highway not attributable to traffic which might occur on such section (except slides) shall be repaired by the Contractor at his expense. The removal of slides shall be done by the Contractor on a basis agreed to prior to the removal of such slides.

107.17 Contractor's Responsibility for the Work

From the first day the Contractor begins work, or from the date Contract Time commences, whichever occurs first, until written final acceptance of the project by the Engineer, the Contractor shall have the charge and care thereof and shall take every precaution against injury or damage to any part thereof by the action of the elements or from any other cause, whether arising from the execution or from the non-execution of The Work. The Contractor shall rebuild, repair, restore, and make good all injuries or damages to any portion of The Work occasioned by any of the above causes before final acceptance and shall bear the expense thereof except that the Department may, in its discretion, reimburse the Contractor for the repair of damage to The Work due to unforeseeable causes beyond the control of and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor,

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including but not restricted to acts of God, of the public enemy or of governmental authorities. The Contractor's responsibility for damages and injuries is defined in [Subsection 104.05.A](#).

In case of suspension of work from any cause whatsoever, the Contractor shall be responsible for the Project and shall take such precautions as may be necessary to prevent damage to the Project, provide for normal drainage and shall erect any necessary temporary structures, signs, or other facilities at his expense.

107.18 Acquisition of Right-of-Way

Rights of Way for the project will be obtained by the Department, in coordination with local governments and others. However, the Contractor's access to the portions of the right-of-way may be restricted. Where such restrictions are known in advance to the Department they will be listed in the bid proposal. Delays to the progress of the Work may be encountered because of restricted access to portions of the right-of-way. When such delays occur, whether caused by restrictions listed in the bid proposal or restrictions that develop after the Contract is signed, the parties agree in executing the Contract that such delays do not constitute breach of the Contract. Delays in availability of right-of-way beyond those listed in the bid proposal, or that develop after the Contract has been signed, that impact the controlling Item or Items of the Work will not be charged against the Contract Time. Additional compensation for such delays shall not be paid, except as provided in [Subsection 105.13](#), "Claims for Adjustments and Disputes," or [Subsection 109.09](#), "Termination Clause." In the event the Department is unable to acquire right-of-way needed for the project, resulting in delay to or termination of the project, such situation will also be controlled by this Section, and will not constitute a breach of the Contract by the Department.

107.19 Personal Liability of Public Officials

In carrying out any of the provisions of the Contract or in exercising any power or authority granted to the Board, Commissioner, Chief Engineer, their agents and employees, by the Contract, there shall be no liability, either personally or as officials or representatives of the Department, it being understood that in all such matters they act solely as agents and representatives of the Department.

107.20 No Waiver of Legal Rights

Upon completion of The Work, the Department will expeditiously make final inspection and notify the Contractor of acceptance. Such final acceptance, however, shall not preclude or estop the Department from correcting any measurement, estimate, or certificate made before or after completion of The Work, nor shall the Department be precluded or estopped from recovering from the Contractor or his Surety, or both, such over-payment as it may sustain, or by failure on the part of the Contractor to fulfill his obligations under the Contract. A waiver on the part of the Department of any breach of any part of the Contract shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach.

The Contractor, without prejudice to the terms of the Contract, shall be liable to the Department for latent defects, fraud, or such gross mistakes as may amount to fraud, or as regards the Department's rights under any warranty or guaranty.

107.21 Contractor's Responsibility for Utility Property and Services

A. Overhead or Underground Utility Facilities

At points where the Contractor's operations are adjacent to or conflict with overhead or underground utility facilities, or are adjacent to other property, damage to which might result in considerable expense, loss, or inconvenience, work shall not be commenced until all arrangements necessary for the protection thereof have been made.

B. Utility Facility Owners

The names of known utility owners and the location of known utility facilities will be shown on the Plans or in the Special Provisions, and the Contractor shall give 24-hour notice to such utility owners before commencing work adjacent to said utility facilities which may result in damage thereto. Contractor shall further notify utility owners of any changes in his work schedules affecting required action by the utility owners to protect or adjust their facilities. Notice to the utility companies by the Department of the Award of Contract, under [Subsection 105.06](#), shall not be deemed to satisfy the notice required by this paragraph.

C. Cooperation with Facility Owners

The Contractor shall cooperate with the owners of any underground or overhead utility facilities in their removal and rearrangement operations in order that these operations may progress in a reasonable manner, that duplication of rearrangement work may be reduced to a minimum, and that services rendered by those parties will not be unnecessarily interrupted.

D. Interruption of Services

In the event of interruption to water or other utility services as a result of accidental breakage or as a result of being exposed or unsupported, the Contractor shall promptly notify the proper authority and shall cooperate with the said authority in the restoration of service. If utility service is interrupted, repair work shall be continuous until the service is restored. No work shall be undertaken around fire hydrants until provisions for continued service have been approved by the local fire authority.

E. Facilities Supported on Bridges

If the utility facilities are to be supported on bridges, the following provisions shall apply:

1. The Plans will show the location of the facility and the auxiliary items necessary to support the facility.
2. The Contractor who constructs the bridge shall install anchor bolts, thimbles, inserts, or other auxiliary items that are attached to the bridge as a part of the support for the utility facility. The Utility owner, at his or her expense, shall furnish these auxiliary items, unless the Contract indicates that these items are to be furnished by the Contractor as a part of the bridge.
3. The Agency constructing the utility facility shall install hanger rods, pipe rolls, and other attachments necessary for the support of the utility facility as indicated on the Plans. The Utility owner, at his expense, shall furnish these attachments unless otherwise specified. This work shall also include:
 - a. Caulking the openings around the utility where it passes through endwalls to prevent the passage of undesirable materials.
 - b. Painting the exposed portions of utility supports unless such supports are corrosion resistant. Painting shall be done in accordance with the applicable portions of [Section 535](#), unless otherwise specified.
4. The sequence of bridge construction work may be set forth in the Plans and/or the Special Provisions and will show at what stage of the Work a utility owner will be allowed to make the utility installation. Further, all or any portion of The Work under [Subsection 107.21.E.3](#) may be included in the bridge Contract by the Plans and/or the Special Provisions.
5. Any damage to the bridge structure caused by the utility installation shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Engineer at the expense of the agency installing the utility facility.

F. Clearances

The Plans provide for at least minimum clearance of utilities as required by the National Electrical Safety Code, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards. Any additional clearance the Contractor may desire or require in performing The Work shall be arranged by the Contractor with the utility owner. The Department will pay no extra compensation for such additional clearances.

G. Delays

Delays and interruptions to the controlling Item or Items of The Work caused by the adjustment or repair of water, gas, or other utility appurtenances and property will not be charged against the Contract Time unless such delays are due to the negligence of the Contractor.

H. Compensation

There will be no direct compensation for complying with the above. Any additional cost to the Contractor for the above services, interruptions, or special procedures, shall be included in the over-all Bid submitted.

107.22 Hazardous and/or Toxic Waste

When the Contractor's operations encounter or expose any abnormal condition which may indicate the presence of a hazardous and/or toxic waste, such operations shall be discontinued in the vicinity of the abnormal condition and the Engineer shall be notified immediately. The presence of barrels, discolored earth, metal, wood, or visible fumes, abnormal odors, excessively hot earth, smoke, or anything else which appears abnormal may be indicators of hazardous and/or toxic wastes and shall be treated with extraordinary caution as they are evidence of abnormal conditions.

The Contractor's operations shall not resume until so directed by the Engineer.

Disposition of the hazardous and/or toxic waste will be made in accordance with the requirements and regulations of the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Natural Resources. Where the Contractor performs work necessary to dispose of hazardous and/or toxic waste, payment will be made at the unit prices for pay items included in the contract which are applicable to such work or, where the contract does not include such pay items, payment will be as provided in [Subsection 109.05](#), "Extra Work."

107.23 Environmental Considerations

A. Roadway Construction

Erosion control measures shall be installed, to the greatest practical extent, prior to clearing and grubbing. Particular care shall be exercised along stream banks, wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas to insure that these areas are not adversely affected.

Construction equipment shall not cross streams, rivers, or other waterways except at temporary stream crossing structures approved by the Engineer.

Construction activities within wetland areas are prohibited except for those within the construction limits as shown on the Plans.

All sediment control devices (except sediment basins) installed on a project shall, as a minimum, be cleaned of sediment when one half the capacity, by height, depth or volume, has been reached. Sediment basins shall be cleaned of sediment when one-third the capacity by volume has been reached.

B. Bridge Construction Over Waterways

Construction waste or debris, from bridge construction or demolition, shall be prevented from being allowed to fall or be placed into wetlands, streams, rivers or lakes.

Excavation, dewatering, and cleaning of cofferdams shall be performed in such a manner as to prevent siltation. Pumping from cofferdams to a settling basin or a containment unit will be required if deemed necessary by the Engineer.

Operations required within rivers or streams, i.e. jetting or spudding, shall be performed within silt containment areas, cofferdams, silt fence, sediment barriers or other devices to minimize migration of silt off the project.

C. Borrow and Excess Material Pits

Specific written environmental clearance from the Engineer will be required for any sites not included in the Plans as excess material or borrow areas. No work other than testing shall be started at any potential excess material or borrow site not shown on the plans prior to receiving said environmental clearance from the Engineer.

The Engineer will require a written notice from the Contractor requesting environmental clearance studies and written permission from the property owner at least six weeks prior to intended use of the site. The Department will not begin studies on such sites before a Notice to Proceed is issued.

The Engineer will inform the Contractor in writing as to the granting or denial of environmental clearance. If denied, the Contractor may, at no expense to the Department, seek to obtain permits or pursue other remedies that might otherwise render the site(s) acceptable.

Sites included in the Plans have environmental clearance and shall be used only for the purpose(s) specified in the Plans or other contract documents. Should the Contractor wish to expand or utilize said sites for any purpose other than that provided for in the Plans or other contract documents, specific written environmental clearance as noted above shall be obtained.

D. Control of Pollutants

Pollutants or potentially hazardous materials, such as fuels, lubricants, lead paint, chemicals or batteries, shall be transported, stored, and used in a manner to prevent leakage or spillage into the environment. The Contractor shall also be responsible for proper and legal disposal of all such materials.

Equipment, especially concrete or asphalt trucks, shall not be washed or cleaned-out on the Project except in areas where unused product contaminants can be prevented from entering waterways.

E. Temporary Work in Wetlands

Temporary work in wetlands in order to facilitate construction will be subject to the following requirements:

1. Temporary work in wetlands shall be accomplished by using temporary structures, timber, concrete, soil with geotextile fabric, or other suitable matting.
2. Soil matting shall be protected from erosion in accordance with the Specifications.
3. Whenever temporary work is required in Saltwater Marsh Wetlands, all temporary structures and/or matting shall be removed in their entirety prior to Final Acceptance of the Project. Matted and compressed soils shall be backfilled to their original ground elevation with material meeting the requirements of [Section 212 – Granular Embankment](#).
4. Whenever temporary work is required in Freshwater Wetlands, all temporary structures and/or matting (exclusive of soil matting to be retained in the final roadway section) shall be removed in their entirety prior to Final Acceptance of the Project.

Once the temporary materials have been removed, the area shall be covered by Excelsior or Straw blankets in accordance with [Section 713](#) of the Specifications. The grassing and ground preparation referenced in [Subsection 713.3.03, "Preparation"](#), will not be applicable to this Work.

5. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer so that a field inspection may be conducted to certify that the temporary materials were properly removed and that the area was properly restored. The Contractor shall be responsible for any corrective action required to complete this Work.
6. There will be no separate measurement or payment for this Work. The cost associated with this Work shall be included in the overall Bid submitted.

107.24 Closing of Roadways Without On-Site Detours

When existing roadways are to be closed to through traffic and on-site detours are not provided, the Contractor shall submit a written notice to the Engineer for approval 14 days prior to the closure of the existing roadways.

After receiving approval from the Engineer for the closure, the Contractor shall install signs at each closure site, in accordance with the MUTCD, to inform the traveling public of the proposed closure, including the date of closure. The sign shall be placed 5 days prior to the closure, at the direction of the Engineer.

Prior to the closure, the Area Engineer will inform local government officials and agencies, local news media, and the DOT Public Information Office of the proposed closure of the roadways.

107.25 Disruption to Residential and Commercial Property

The Contractor shall plan, coordinate, and prosecute the work such that disruption to personal property and business is held to a practical minimum.

All construction areas abutting lawns and yards of residential or commercial property shall be restored promptly. Backfilling of each drainage structure or section of curb and gutter, sidewalk, or driveway shall be accomplished as soon as adequate strength is obtained. Finishing, dressing and grassing shall be accomplished immediately thereafter as a continuous operation within each area being constructed with emphasis placed on completing each individual yard or business frontage. Care shall be taken to provide positive drainage to avoid ponding or concentration of runoff.

Handwork, including raking and smoothing, shall be required to ensure that roots, sticks, rocks, and other debris is removed in order to provide a neat and pleasing appearance. Grassing, when in season, shall immediately follow in order to establish permanent cover at the earliest date. If grassing is not in season, proper erosion control shall be installed and maintained.

The work described herein shall be in addition to that required by [Subsection 104.07 “Final Cleaning Up”](#) and [Subsection 105.16 “Final Inspection and Acceptance.”](#)